



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of: )  
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Application No.: 09/511,358 ) Group Art Unit: 2814  
Filed: February 23, 2000 )  
For: PHOTOELECTRIC CONVERSION )  
DEVICE, AND IMAGE SENSOR )  
AND IMAGE INPUT SYSTEM )  
MAKING USE OF THE SAME ) August 25, 2003

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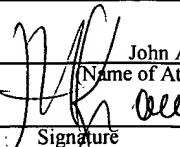
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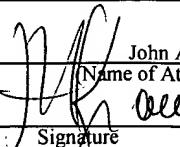
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

The enclosed Abstract of JP6-302798 was cited during an examination of a Japanese counterpart JP2000-47751 of the present application. Referring to Fig. 1 of

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JP6-302798, a transparent conductive film to which a predetermined voltage is applied is disposed via an insulator 101 on a metal wiring 5a in a photoreceiving region. However, JP6-302798 fails to disclose the special feature of the present invention that the conductor disposed via the insulator is formed from the same layer as the light-screening layer defining the pixel region (opening). In that respect, the present invention has been distinguished over

JP6-302798.

#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

We also enclose a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2).

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS		Translation/Abstr ct
	Pat. Abstract of JP6-302798	4/19/93	Japan	HO1L 27		ABSTRACT

## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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